



**EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
Nairobi, Kenya**

The Immigrant Visa Unit in Nairobi, Kenya has adjusted its visa application process. The unit will no longer require applicants to come to the embassy on two separate occasions to process your immigrant visa. This was done in order to ease the burden on applicants and streamline the visa processing. Please come prepared to spend several hours at the embassy.

All applicants are expected to interview on the initial appointment date scheduled by NVC or KCC. Applicants should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their appointment to ensure they are able to clear security in time for their interviews. Please be prepared to show picture identification.

Appointment dates are restricted to Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 6:30 AM and 12:00 PM. The embassy is closed all U.S. and Kenyan holidays.

If you are unable to attend your NVC/KCC scheduled appointment, you may reschedule your interview by going to <http://kenya.usvisa-info.com>. Please be aware that if you choose to reschedule your initial NVC/KCC appointment time, it may result in additional wait time for your visa interview. You should NOT reschedule an appointment unless you have already been given an initial appointment date by NVC/KCC. If you reschedule an appointment through the website without having received an initial appointment time by NVC/KCC, you will be turned away.

All immigrant visa applicants are encouraged to arrive prepared for the interview. You may be requested by the adjudicating officer to produce secondary evidence of your relationship to the petitioner if you are applying for a family-based immigration benefit, so bring this evidence with you to the interview.

For security reasons, we no longer allow applicants to collect their visas at the embassy. All IV applicants must register with DHL and select a DHL delivery location within Kenya regardless of your nationality. This service is free of charge. Instructions on how to register for DHL can be found at <http://kenya.usvisa-info.com>.

To qualify for the 2014 Diversity Visa, you must meet the following requirements:

1. On your initial E-DV application, you must have listed your spouse even if you are currently separated from him/her, unless you are legally separated. If you are legally separated or divorced, you do not need to list your former spouse.
  2. On your initial E-DV application, you must have listed ALL of your living children who are unmarried and under 21 years old. This includes your natural children, your spouse's children, or children you have formally adopted in accordance with the laws of your country. The only exception is if your child is already a U.S. citizen or a U.S. Legal Permanent Resident.
  3. You must have entered the correct photograph of each individual into the E-DV system. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
  4. You must have completed a formal course of elementary and secondary education comparable to 12 years of elementary and secondary education (high school) in the U.S. Vocational degrees, without secondary certificates, are not considered equivalent to a U.S. high school education. The U.S. Embassy Nairobi consults with our regional embassies to define what the comparable standard is for high school education in your country.
    - a. For **Kenya**, you must have passed the Kenyan Certificate of Secondary Examination (KCSE) with a minimum average score of **D – (Minus)**. For pre-1986, the Kenya Certificate of Education (KCE) score must be a minimum of Division IV.
- \* For applicants who attended school in Kenya: Please note that in order to prove that you meet the minimum DV education requirement (high school education or local equivalent), in many cases we require a **confidential copy of your Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) results**. You must have a minimum of a D- (minus) to qualify for DV2014. Please go to the Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC) and request that they send the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi a confidential copy of your results at least two weeks before your interview appointment. You may have to pay a fee directly to KNEC for this service.”
- b. For **Burundi**, you must have a *Diploma D'Etat* or Diploma A2.
  - c. For **Eritrea**, you must have a minimum of five D grades on the Eritrean Secondary Education Certificate.
  - d. For **Mauritius**, you must have a passing credit (Grade 6 or above) in English on the Cambridge School Certificate (SC), plus the O-level certificate with a minimum Grade 6 in four other subjects.
  - e. For **Rwanda**, you must have a minimum of 13 points on the A2 diploma, or Advanced General Certificate of Secondary Education (AGCSE). For pre-2008 graduates, a minimum score of 1.5 is required on the Diploma of Secondary Education.

- f. For **Uganda**, you must have the Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) A-level certificate with a minimum of one principal pass and one secondary pass out of four total subject exams.
5. **If you do not qualify based on education, then you may qualify based on work experience.** You must have worked for two years within the past five years in an occupation requiring at least two years of training or experience to perform. The U.S. Department of Labor's **O\*Net On-line** <http://www.onetonline.org/find/> database will be used to determine qualifying work experience. Please be advised that it is very difficult to fulfill the educational requirements based on work experience. Qualifying occupations are defined as those with Specific Vocational Preparation (SVP) rating of 7 or above, and are listed as job zone 4 or 5.

Please note the following:

- Applicants who are citizens of Somalia are advised that it is not possible for the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi to verify claimed educational or work experiences that occurred in Somalia. Without such verification, it may not be possible to process such cases to completion.
- If you submit any fraudulent documents with your application, you will be ineligible to receive a visa. Documents presented are subject to independent verification; do not take the risk of presenting a false document.
- Marrying a person in order to confer an immigration benefit through the Diversity Visa WILL result in a permanent ineligibility for both you and your spouse.
- Visa fees cannot be refunded. DV applicants must meet all qualifications for the visa. If a Consular Officer determines an applicant does not meet requirements for the visa, or is otherwise ineligible for the DV under U.S. law, the officer cannot issue a visa and the applicant will forfeit all fees paid.

**Please be advised that there is no guarantee that Diversity Visas will be available after the month of your scheduled appointment. Under no circumstances can a visa be issued after September 30, 2014.**